SPRING GENERAL MEETING
The spring general meeting will be held on Tuesday May 15, 2018. This is one week later than normal due to scheduling problems. The location is the same, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 527, 948 Sheppard Ave. W. Doors open at 11:30. A light lunch will be served at 12:30 and the meeting will begin at 13:30. We hope to see all members attend.
NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH
The Annual Christmas lunch was held at the Mandarin restaurant on Woodbine Ave. on December 13, 2017. The event was attended by 68 members and spouses. As always, the food was good and the company was great. It was great to see so many members catching up on news with old friends.

MEMBERSHIP
Our membership of $25 is due in April of each year to cover the next 12 months. Please forward your cheque to me, Ernie Thorn, 234 Newton Dr., North York, Ont., M2M 2P3

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE
The telephone committee fans out time sensitive news such as funeral arrangements of members or short notice events. All members received the information as soon as possible so they may attend events rather than hear after they are long over.

2018 BAR- B- Q
From George Hache.
On behalf of our executive, we would like to bring back our BBQ event. We have a tentative booking for Saturday August 25, 2018 with both the Sharon Temple and the BBQ company for dinner at 4 PM. The price will be $30 per person. Members and new members who would like to attend are to contact George Hache 705-878-9410 or email at georgehache@bell.net.

LEST WE FORGET
The heading above is most often related to Remembrance Day in November. I think it can be applied during this winter as well. Thank goodness that most of our members are healthy and able to get around with little or no limitations. However, this is not the case for all our members. This winter, in Southern Ontario, we have had more cold and snowy weather than normal. Please remember many of our members who are not able to get around as they once did and this unusual winter makes travel even more difficult. They may not be able to see friends as often as they would like. I am
sure this makes the winter feel even colder and longer. A simple telephone call can brighten their day and yours. Please try to take a few minutes now and then to make a call to an old friend or colleague.

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TORONTO FIRE SERVICES MEMORIAL

The Toronto Fire Services Memorial for our fallen brothers will be on June 10th, 2018 at 11AM – 339 Queens Quay West. The list of names to be added to the monument in 2018 will appear in the May/June issue of this newsletter.

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BENEFITS

While it seems the ‘growing pains’ with Green Shield have been reduced, a few members are still having problems. More information on assistance is in the members issue of this newsletter.

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METRO PENSION PLAN

The merger of Metro Pension plan with OMERS is proceeding as planned. More information in the members issue of this newsletter.

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NEW MEMBERS

John & Anne Goldson, Gord Allen, Dean Cole. Ron Burgess, Richard Cudnik, Frank Pahkle
Contact information for these new members is in the members issue of this newsletter.

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ADDRESS CHANGES

Elwood Williams, Tom and Doreen Carlos
Tom Mulholland, George Hutchinson, Gordon Sawyer, Tim Barker, Rhona Hall
Contact information for the address changes is in the members issue of this newsletter.

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SAD NEWS

Members of NYRFFA receive direct notification of funerals of members in a timely fashion so they may attend the service in memorial of old friends whenever possible.

Gwyn (Taff) Evans

Gwyn (Taff) Evans passed away on January 25, 2018 at the Toronto Grace Hospital. Born in Cardiff, Wales. Taff served 10 years in the British Navy. He immigrated to Canada and joined NYFD on October 23, 1973 and retired after 25 years of service on January 30, 1998. Taff was a member of the Salvation Army, North Toronto serving in several ministries.
While Taff was one of five children his family extended far beyond that number due to his support of people who immigrated to Canada and became family. He will be missed by his wife, of 33 years, Bonnie and his many friends and family. A celebration of life was held for Taff on February 3, 2018 at the R S Kane funeral home. The chapel was full to overflowing. The Bell Ceremony was conducted and an Honour Guard was formed by the many members of NYRFFA who attended

Maurice (Moe) Gostic

Retired Fighter Maurice (Moe) Gostic passed on Dec. 21, 2017 at the age of 87 due to complications of Parkinsons. 6, 2018. Moe was not a member of NYRFFA.

Wilfred Leslie (Les) Senior

North York Fire Fighter Les Senior passed on Jan 5, 2018 at the age of 83. Les was not a member of NYRFFA.

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SICK REPORT
From George Hache

The members issue of this newsletter has a list of members who were sent get well cards and notes of condolence during the past two months. This allows other members to contact them and express their good wishes.

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NOTES, CALLS AND EMAIL NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Joe D’Onofriof Family

Dear Bud, A special "Thank You' for all your guidance and support, and the other executives, Wes Rowe, Charlie Jennings, Jim Parton, Frank Lamie, John Lemieux, George Hache, John Campbell, and to all who participated and attended Dad's funeral. It could not have made us more proud to have you all present. Aside from the Honour Guard and Bell Ceremony it seemed fitting (and somewhat healing) that the fire alarm went off when the funeral service started and we were escorted outside to be greeted by fire trucks!

WHAT A SEND OFF, HUH DAD?!

Please be sure to let the boys know how grateful our family is, and how honoured we are for the support from his 'other family'. We treasure all the memories!

'To The Greatest Bunch of Guys who continue to give'

GOD BLESS YOU

Deb Giamou (D’Onofrio)
Helen, Michela & family

The following members also sent note to share information with other members. Their full comments are in the members issue of this newsletter.

Jim Parton

Regarding his trans Atlantic cruise.
Bill Beattie
Regarding his recent illness and his hobbie.

Gary Nystrom
Regarding his recent illness and activities.

Joe Gibson
Joe Gibson has had a fall and broke his knee cap. He is in room 539 at North York General Hospital

TORONTO FIRE SERVICES NEWS
Information on New Recruits and Fire Code Inspection Results Now on Line

is included here in the members issue of this newsletter. to the fire safety of their residences."

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ANNUAL HONOUR GUARD CONVENTION

This year the convention will be held on March 24, 2018 in Niagara Falls, ON. For more information, www.hgconvention.com

NEW OFFICE for TPFFA

Toronto Professional Fire Fighters Association local 3888 has a new office.

NYRFFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Charles Jennings - 416-221-4253
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John Campbell– 905804-8875

Honourary Member – Chaplain
The Reverend Dr. Ron Nickle
416-590-9390
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YOUR NEWS IS IMPORTANT TO OTHER MEMBERS

Members are interested in what other members are doing so please send your news so we can keep in touch.

Please forward information for next newsletter before April 10, 2018 to;
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